

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 2-3 and 11 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 1, 4-10 and 12-30 are pending.

The claims have been further amended above to define further aspects of the disclosed invention.

The claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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